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A life of hope and forgiveness resulted from an event of disaster and resentment

BY CHELSEA GRANT
A Special to the Lions' Pride

The student body, faculty, staff, and visitors sat attentively in their seats on Wednesday evening as Immaulee Ilibagiza told of how she survived the genocide in Rwanda and turned her tragedy into a beautiful relationship with God. Her voice carried softly through the gymnasium; a clear contrast to the horrors she spoke of.

For many years, the Hutu and Tutsi tribes in Rwanda fought back and forth, creating a rift in the country. In 1994, which marked a monumental year in the Tutsi and Hutu saga, the president of Rwanda, a Tutsi, died, the war began, and the country shut down.

On the radio, the Hutu tribe spoke blatantly about their plans to eradicate all of the Tutsi.

"We never thought these people could accomplish what they were talking about," said Ilibagiza.

photograph by Brandy Scaglione
Immaculee Ilibagiza

The genocide of Tutsi began in public spaces. The Hutu then moved inward. In Tutsi villages, roadblocks were set up and people abandoned their homes trying to escape a deadly fate.

Ilibagiza remembers thousands of Tutsis gathered in front of her house. Her father, a pastor, offered the people the word of God to keep them sane. He told the tribe to "take advantage of this time to repent your sins," noting that tomorrow was not promised to them.

Ilibagiza was encouraged to leave the house and go into hiding with a Hutu pastor. Before she left, she was given a rosary. Rosary in tow, she made it to the pastor's house.

When she got there, she met one of her best childhood friends. She greeted her sincerely and expected a warm response. Instead, her best friend replied, "We don't hide Tutsis in our home."

"I felt like everyone was loosing their minds," said Ilibagiza.

The next day the pastor put Ilibagiza in the bathroom with six other women. The bathroom was a small four by three foot room with a mattress on the floor. The women were told not to speak to each other for fear someone would find them.

The routine was monotonous; everyday Ilibagiza and the other women,

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In celebration of William Wiley Duclo

BY NIKII BROWN
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Saint Leo University lost one of its remarkable students, 23-year-old William Wiley Duclo, to a single car accident on Saturday, November 4.

Will, who was on his way to class in St. Petersburg when the car accident occurred, was a senior and planned to graduate this May with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in psychology. He aspired to go into law enforcement with a specialization in narcotics. Besides academics, Will was a saxophone player in the band.

Will was an excellent student, friend, and brother. He was a founding member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity on campus. The brothers of SAE have set up the Will Duclo Memorial Scholarship Trust, and there will be a website in his honor created soon.

There are Facebook groups for students and friends to share their memories and pictures of Will. There was a mass at the Abbey on Sunday, November 5 celebrating his life. Students on campus have donated money to help the family and fraternity develop a scholarship.

Anyone who new Will knew he had a great love of antique cars and could always be found walking around with a cigar. His fraternity little brother, Joseph Romano, shared memories of Will in his element.

"Initiation night, I remember after the ceremony, we walked around together, and we were smoking cigars together, and we just talked about everything," Romano said. "And, there was the time that we went to the low rider show. We spent the whole day down there. We rode down to Tampa in a pimped out jeep type car, with the hydraulics, and Will was in heaven, since he loved cars, and I learned so much about cars that day."

Will was a great friend to the people around him; he has been described as a man of ambition, sincerity, and reservation.

"I say ambitious because he always had goals and met those goals. He was sincere because no matter how flustered he was at me, he always spoke with sincerity, and he was reserved because he never really showed off his emotions," said Romano.

Some on campus might know Will as Waldo, a nickname he picked up his freshman year.

"We went to the mall and museum for orientation weekend, and Will got lost and the bus was delayed. He was called Waldo, like where's Waldo from that day," said senior Rosa Morales.

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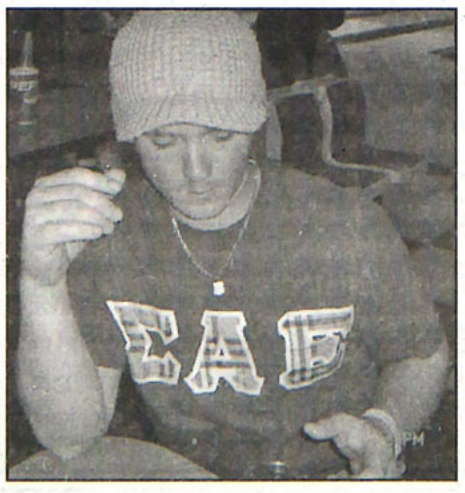

A celebration of Will's life was held Thursday, November 16 at 4 p.m. It was held at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Big Pine Key where Will was an active member and served as an altar server and a member of the St. Peter's Youth Group.

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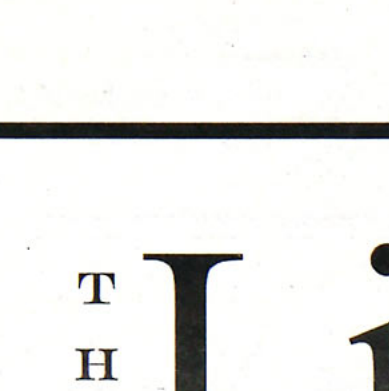

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Laundry requires consideration

BY NIKII BROWN
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Eyes pop open at 8 a.m. It's Sunday morning, and there's no class and no where to go. Why are Saint Leo University students up so early on weekend mornings? It's good old laundry day, and students' lack of consideration for others mean doing laundry at day break.

In order for students to wash and dry their clothes without waiting for others to finish their laundry or worry about someone else removing their own laundry, students must find a good period of time when other students are likely to be busy.

Prime times for uninterrupted laundry time are early morning when students are still asleep, really late night when students are going to sleep, or at a common hour in the middle of the day when students are in classes. In Apartments 3 and 4, Apartment 3 will be busier around 11 a.m. on weekends and Apartment 4 will be virtually empty.

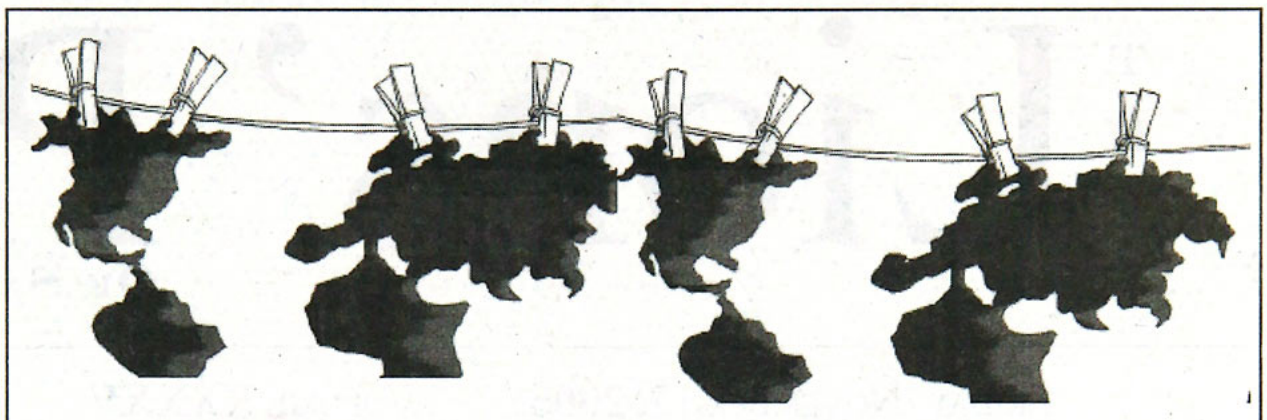
So, if students know what times work best for them, what's the problem? There are enough washers and dryers, right? Those students coming from dorms like Marmion/Snyder or Benoit with three washers and going to the Apartments with six would think doing laundry would be a piece of cake. But, it's not. Even it there were 10 washers, there would probably still be the same issues, so what needs to change?

The three major problems regarding laundry are: students who leave their clothes and don't pick them up in a timely manner; students who take out others clothes and aren't considerate; and students who take out clothes without allowing time for the wash or dry cycle to stop or the owner to claim the clothes once the cycle is over.

Waiting for washers and dryers is just part of the college life, but when students have to watch the laundry room like a hawk to get to a washer or dryer, it gets a little ridiculous. Even so, that's something students have to deal with, but they should not have to deal with inconsideration.

Laundry wouldn't be such a big deal if students were more considerate. First, students need to be more responsible and make sure not to leave their clothes in the washers or dryers for extended periods of time. Second, there's nothing more annoying than to find clothes piled up on a table when the washer or dryer finished only minutes ago. Be patient. One or two minutes will not make a difference. One student had her clothes thrown out the Henderson laundry room window; there are alternative ways to get clothes to dry.

Students should show respect in both situations.



Laundry Rooms Closed Due to Lack of Consideration

There are solutions to these situations. If there is still time left on the dryer, other students should not be touching someone's personal garments. Wait your turn. And if the clothes aren't even dry, yet, then no one has the right to touch someone else's laundry. If the dryer has stopped, then wait a few minutes for the owner of the clothes to return. And for those whose clothes are in the machines, be on time to pick up your clothes. Don't procrastinate.

It all boils down to one thing: students need to show each other respect and be considerate of the other people. Students have to watch for available washer and dryers; at the same time, students have to watch for their items to be done. If someone has left their items in a washer or dryer for a while after they have finished, then they should be moved, but a minute or before they are done, is a little much. And, when you move them, do it with consideration. A little consideration can make doing laundry a pleasant experience for everyone. No one wants to have to monitor their clothes for 60 to 90 minutes.

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Holiday flights reach high altitudes

BY JESSICA GRUBB
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Being in college, students living on campus look forward to going home for the holidays, especially ones such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. So, what would prevent a person from going home to their families this holiday season? Well, here's an idea: ticket prices.

According to the Saint Leo web site, about 1000 students live on campus, which means about 1000 students will be flying home for Thanksgiving, and then a week later they'll fly home for Christmas break. So between a flight going home and a flight coming back to campus for both holidays, there are about 4000 fights just for Saint Leo students, not including staff, faculty, or people going on vacations - and that's just one small campus. So, if people are flying more this holiday season, shouldn't flights be cheaper, not more expensive?

According to travel agent Doreen Palmer, "Airlines raise prices during the holiday season because people will pay anything to get home to their families for the holidays."

However, according to cheapticks.com and hotels.com, Southwest Airline is the cheapest, especially with help from frequent flyer miles and sky miles.

"I wish I could go home more, but tickets are so expensive. Normally, I'd rather save the money and just go home for the holidays," said Tim Vaughan. "After all, mom's Christmas dinner is the best."

But, Vaughan only lives in New Hampshire. What about students going away for the holidays such as Ryan Burke. Burke is going to California for Thanksgiving, which is about $537 for a non-stop flight. This may not sound so bad, but compared to a non-holiday weekend such as November 5 to November 10, it's very expensive. A flight with the same destination and leaving from the same spot is $417. That's a large difference.

"I hate traveling during the holidays. The airports are always too crowded and flights are always over priced," stated Burke.

Flying isn't the only form of transportation that sky rockets during the holidays. Buses and trains also jack up prices during these seasons.

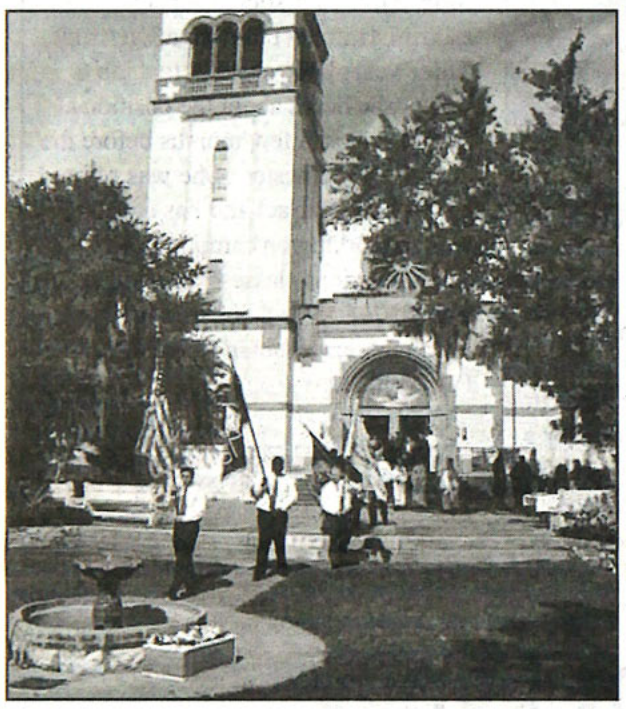
So, what choices do students have but to pay the high plane ticket prices and spend more money over the holiday season? Well, surprisingly, there are some ways to get around the high prices. One way is to use *Ding* by Southwest Airlines, which is a system downloaded into the computer to let peole know when the cheapest of flights become available. Another idea is to use frequent flyer miles, which can be signed up for online with Delta or Southwest. Many other airlines offer these as well. Another very common way of paying less for tickets is sky miles, which are linked to a credit card that uses points for every amount spent.

"I get free tickets all the time with Delta Sky miles. Of course, this is because I use my credit card a lot, but it works out either way," said Jordan Kaye.

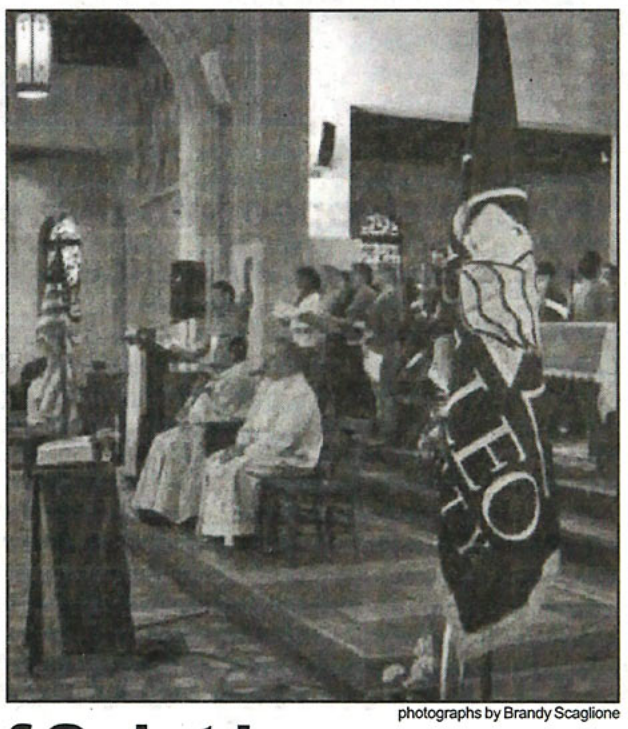
Either way, students far away from home don't have much of a choice. They have to pay whatever flight they can get because being home during the holiday season is important.

"I don't mind paying money for flight to go home for Thanksgiving or Christmas because being with my family is so important to me, especially during holidays," said Ted Baszto.

Thinking about families and the holidays makes everyone agree that no matter the price, it's being home with family that really counts.



A march of flags leaves the Abbey with the American flag held by senior class president Doug Reichwein, followed by the Saint Leo flag held by SGU president, Kenrick Roberts, and the four military flags representing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force; doves, representing peace, were released at the end of the blessing; the church choir sang praise in honor of the Feast of Saint Leo.



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Joining Veterans' Day with the Feast of Saint Leo

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
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Saint Leo is a University steeped with military tradition, past and present. Not only is Saint Leo the sixth ranked largest provider of education to the military in the United States, but it has also gone through a periodic military phase, including uniforms and required drilling, to provide further discipline and order to the college.

Saint Leo has many separate places of study open to sall within the military. Continuing education centers are located on different bases across the southeast, and a few more exist at places such as MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fort Eustis in Virginia, and Avon Park Bombing Range in Highlands County, Florida.

With that being said, fellow peers and family members still serving and retired are very important to the University. Saint Leo shows support by creating such things as Operation: Special Delivery. It is a service project for overseas troops; Saint Leo University's exemplary leadership class is collecting donations to be sent overseas. Students can find boxes waiting to be filled with donated items, such as hygiene products, cards, and more.

There are many Center for Online Learning students who are military, and there are a plentiful amount of veteran faculty members on campus. It is needless to say that Veterans' Day holds a special place in all of the Lions' hearts on campus.

On October 10, 2006 Saint Leo held the first ever joining of the celebration of Veterans' Day with the Feast of Saint Leo. At 11a.m. on Friday there was a special mass, followed by a reception afterward.

Guess speaker and friend of Saint Leo's, Father Elmar McDonald, a retired military Chaplain, said a few words and held a special reflection after communion during mass. Following the service there was a releasing of white doves, "sending forth the doves of peace," explained Father Michael.

First Lieutenant Dr. Stan McGahey, a US Army military veteran, prefers the Veterans, Day celebration to be separate. But since November 11 falls on a Saturday this year, Friday will have to do.

His thought on Veterans' Day is to remember those who are being honored.

"The definition of Veterans' day is honoring those who have served. It should be a point of pride. Reflect on the accomplishments we have made, remember those who you have served with or those you know that have served," said McGahey.

Saint Leo is very proud to have a courageous man such as McGahey as a faculty member. He has risked his life jumping out of airplanes as an airborne infantry platoon leader and was awarded four decorations and medals, along with Parachutist's Badge and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

McGahey served his country for two years, eight months, and 25 days. As a Vietnam Veteran, paying his respects and honoring those he served with Veterans' Day is very important. McGahey "wishes only for more students to attend."

A special scheledule was set up for classes on Friday to allow more students to engage in the Veterans' Day and Feast of Saint Leo festivities.

Cans Across America

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
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Saint Leo is equipped with a very friendly and efficient dinning hall service, Sodexho. Their slogan speaks volumes of what they are about, "Balance mind, body and soul." Many students walk in and are greeted with a smile and a delicious smell. It is safe to say that fulfilling students' hunger pains are not their only priority.

Their main promotion of October 2006 was a program named Cans Across America. Students might remember being asked to donate canned goods to help break the Guinness World Record.

According to the Sodexho website, "Cans Across America is a promotion that uniquely combines a fun experience with an opportunity to help those in need. As part of this event, we'll invite you to help us set a new world record for the most canned food donations raised during a single event."

"Student's really stepped up," said Steve Eurlrich, an employee of Sodexho.

Saint Leo alone collected 642 pounds of canned goods. Sodexho is a company that is nationwide across college campuses. This gave them the opportunity to raise the stakes even higher, since Saint Leo was not the only university participating.

The day of the collection was October 18. Although they do not have an absolute answer of who the record breaker is, Eurlrich said, "We have a good chance."

The Sodexho website goes on to say, "By taking part in this promotion, you will not only be treated to a rewarding experience complete with a few added surprises, but more importantly, you'll be helping a lot of deserving people in the community."

And, Saint Leo students can proudly say they have helped people. All of the canned food donations were brought to the Second Harvest donation drop off located in Tampa. All the students who participated in this event had hearts that were certainty in the right place because some very deserving people benefited from their generosity.

Everyday Lives

Rebecca Hensley

Photograph by Katelyn Gaiser

"When I stepped into that classroom I thought, Oh my God! I have a captive audience."

BY KATELYN GAISER
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Born in the mountains of Kentucky just after the end of WWII, Rebecca Hensley never thought she'd go to college, much less become an educator.

After years living on welfare and raising two children, she finally attended college at the age of 38, earning an undergraduate degree in liberal arts. From there, she went on to graduate school full time for seven years, gaining her master's degree in sociology. It was during this time she discovered her love for teaching.

One random afternoon 18 years ago, the professor she had been assisting asked her to take over his classes for a week. Hensley apprehensively accepted the request, not really sure what she was about to face. As she entered the classroom on the first day, 175 students focused their attention on her.

"When I stepped into that classroom I thought, oh my God! I have a captive audience!" she said. "They're all going to listen to what I have to say. How cool is that!"

Hensley then attended FSU for her PhD, but was unable to finish due to a series of personal circumstances.

Her life has been anything but dull. For seven years she worked with juveniles, wrote grant proposals, and designed and set up programs for at-risk children. Throughout everything she did in her life, she always found time to teach on the side. Hensley insists everything in her life has been about doing "the next right thing."

"It's like I'm going through life like a little kid with finger paint," she said. "Every new thing I see, every new person I meet, every new experience I have is me stamping my finger print on something."

In 2001, she moved to Tampa and took a job as a social service administrator for the Salvation Army. Three years later, she quit that job to write; she heard about the position at Saint Leo just a few months before the start of the semester. She was offered a one-year contract and has adjusted well to working on campus, where she teaches various classes including Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, and Human Behavior Perspectives.

Everyday Lives is an occasional article that runs in The Lions' Pride. If you know someone who would be an interesting candidate for this article, please e-mail The Lions' Pride at lions.pride@saintleo.edu.

Community Service Day strengthens bonds

BY JESSICA GRUBB
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November 11 was Community Service Day. On this day, students at Saint Leo University donated their time and gave back to their surrounding community.

"It is important to participate in community service day. People should give back to their community when their community gives so much to them," said freshman Ted Baszto.

Members in the Saint Leo community took charge and participated in the 13th annual Community Service Day. Students, faculty, and staff have taken part in this day twice a year, or once a semester, for the past seven years. Many clubs, organizations, and even some classes required participation for this year's day to insure a great turn out.

"I'm participating in Community Service Day because it is required by my SLU teacher," shares freshman Nick Vanker.

Some of the sites people worked were: San Antonio Boys Village, The Saint Leo Abbey, Westbrooke Manor, and the Pregnancy Care Center.

"Every year community day helps so many people and places in need. So many non-profit organizations and the Saint Leo campus itself benefit from it," said junior Nicole Williams.

In past years, as many as 500 people have showed up and really came together to get things done not only around campus but around the surrounding areas.

"Everything in past years has been really reflective in the community and on the campus itself," said Jennifer Garcia, assistant director to Student Involvement.

Community Service Day began at 7 a.m. with a continental breakfast and site sign up. After breakfast, students either drove themselves to their selected site or took a shuttle offered by campus. Students returned to campus about noon and then continued on with their day.

"This year 22 sites were offered for volunteering, and it was a great way for students, faculty, and staff to bond and help out people in need," said Garcia.

Although Community Service Day was only about four hours long, the selected sites really benefited, as do the people who volunteered.

"Community Service Day is about showing love to those in need," stated Tasheira Morley, a first-time community service participant.

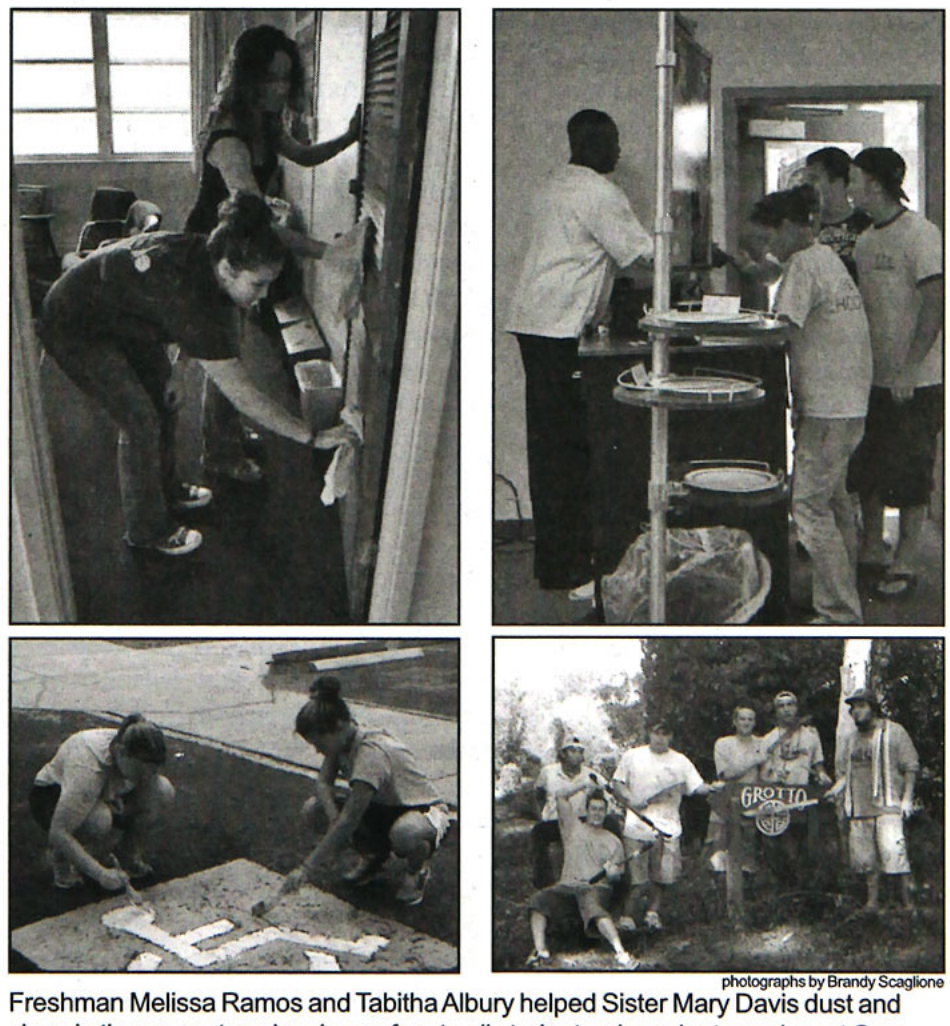
By particular groups volunteering as a whole, they formed bonds around their events and communicated as a group. Community Service Day provided a place for this type of bonding to occur. For example, fraternities, sororities, and clubs volunteered together, sharing the experience.

"Each of the SERVE spring break trips is working on a site together. We are hoping that this will facilitate group bonding before we leave," said Christina Beu.

Not only does this help groups bond, but it makes people excited to help others.

"I used to volunteer back home, and I want to get involved here because there's a variety of things I can do here that I couldn't do back home. It makes me feel good about myself," stated freshman Ashleigh Protus.

Community Service Day is not only a day to give back to the community, but it is a day to bond with others and even make yourself feel good.



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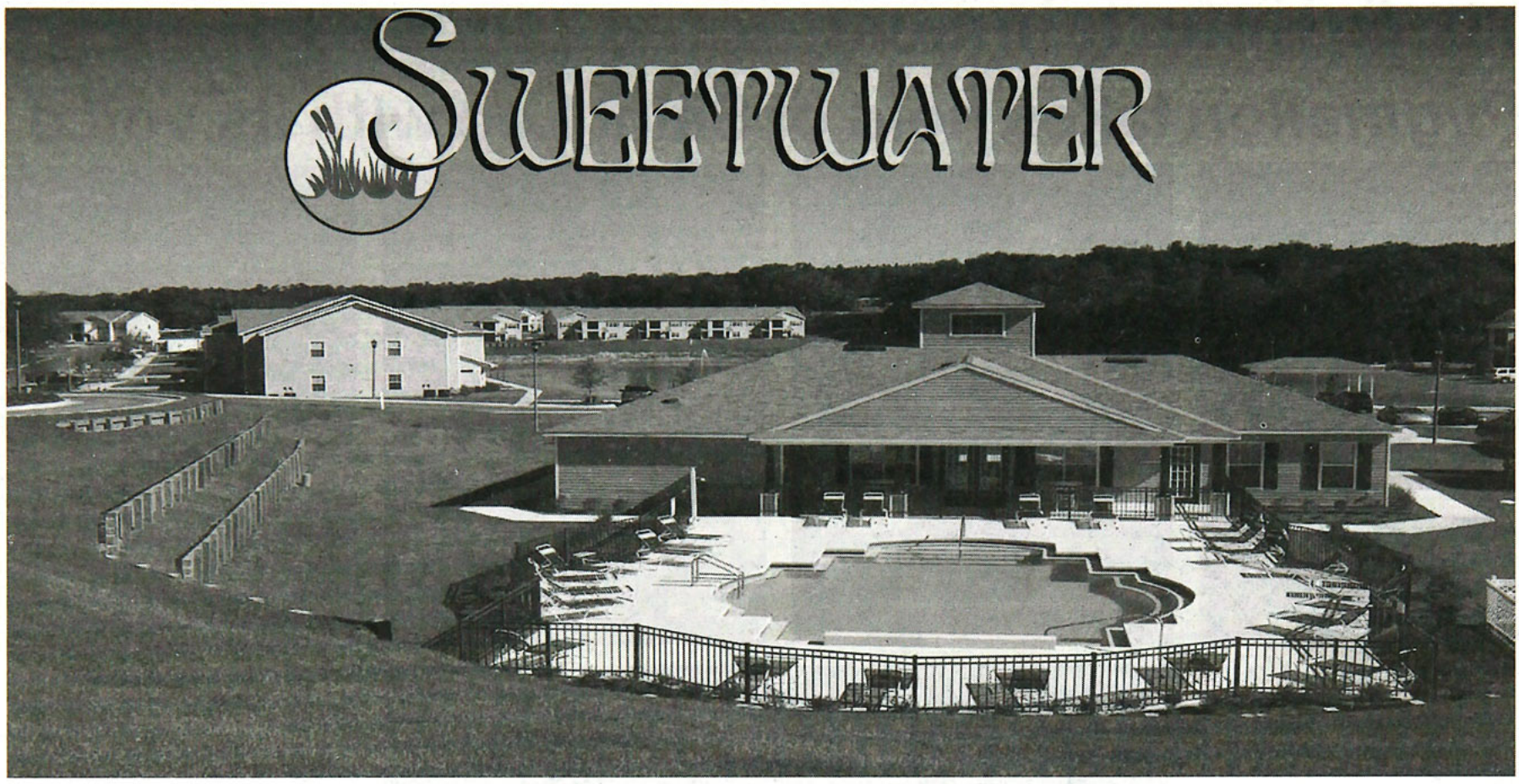
Freshman Melissa Ramos and Tabitha Albury helped Sister Mary Davis dust and clean in the monastery; lunch was free to all students who volunteered; past Community Service Days have seen students painting and cleaning out the Grotto.



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Arts & Entertainment

Pygmalion takes hold of Saint Leo with its voice

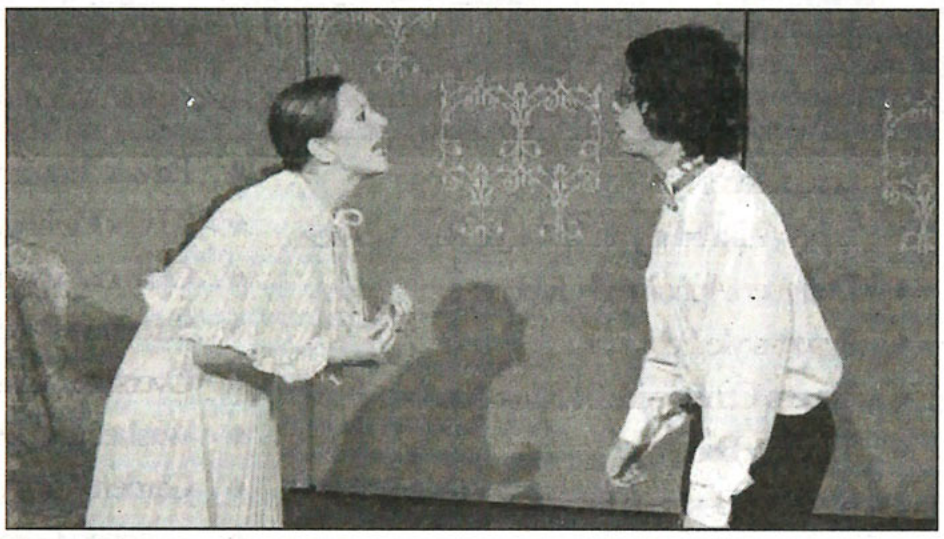
BY ASHLEE MASULLO
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Opening night of Saint Leo's first show of the year, *Pygmalion*, was an amazing achievement for both cast and crew. Arriving 45 minutes before the show, I was able to sneak a few moments with some of the cast and the director, Dr. Charles Grimes. It was evident everyone was excited. Nervous tension filled the air as people ran around trying to get last minute things in order. It was going to be a great night.

"I've been in so many plays," recalls senior Amber Robinson (Miss Clara Eynsford-Hill). "This is the first big acting role that I've gotten. I mainly just do tech." It was clear that Amber was thrilled to be a part of this event.

I waited in my little center-stage seat for the action to begin. The crowds were swarming in, some sitting on the stairway. It was going to be a very full show. I looked over the set with wonder and excitement: walls of green with black curtains and the floor littered with small wooden crates. Little did I know those stable walls were portable and slid into different positions. It was extremely creative and very light, in fact. The walls (some of them) were made of foam plates, covered with painted paper.

"We used about fifty sticks of hot glue to piece everything together," explained Jason, a lighting technician. "We worked most of Saturday, Monday, and some days during the week."



Josh Davis and Emily Belvo played leading characters in the play; Eliza and Higgins first meet on the street; In her fit of rage, Eliza throws herself at Higgins; Emily Belvo plays Eliza Dolittle, a poor common girl with bad English speech; Eliza and Higgins in one of their many arguments throughout the play.

I was amazed at how much patience it must've taken to glue everything down.

As the show started, I was deeply surprised at how well the actors portrayed their characters. Their accents were so defined; it was amazing to see people I see on a daily basis portray someone completely different from who they are in real life.

The play is about two gentleman (confirmed bachelors, if you will) who decide to take up a young flower girl who works on the curb. One of the gentlemen, Mr. Henry Higgins (Josh Davis), is an expert on phonetics, able to tell a part the accents of countless numbers of people. The other, a Colonel Pickering (Daniel Losey), shares Mr. Higgins' taste in phonetics and grammar. The two of them decide to make the poor girl into a riveting duchess, complete with etiquette, charm, grace, and fashionable clothing. It's a complete and utter make over, to say the least.

Emily Belvo was absolutely fantastic in her portrayal of Miss Eliza Doolittle, the poor flower girl. She had to manage two different accents throughout the show and had complete control over them. She could switch them on and off with a flick of a switch. Her enthusiastic and brilliant performance was something no audience member will likely forget.

Josh Davis and Daniel Losey were hilarious as the inseparable buddies. Their amiable qualities (even though, Josh's character could be boisterous and loud) and funny antics made the audience wonder what would happen next. The two of them played their characters well and true, to the very last scene.

Everyone played their parts so well and never lost character. The performance was filled with funny and witty lines that kept everyone laughing, dramatic scenes full of anger and love, and an ending that shocked everyone. The tech did a great job with seamless scene changes and nifty maneuvering. The set, itself, was a great idea, and the scene changes were fast and perfect.

It was a wonderful performance and a great experience. The cast and crew had great chemistry both on and off stage, which made *Pygmalion* a hit. The crowds have every reason to come back. Nothing is better than a good play.

Young Machetes stays true to the genre

BY CRAIG HAMILTON
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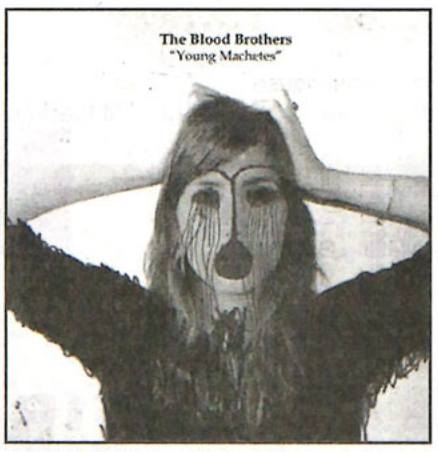
The Blood Brothers are not anyone's friends. They don't care if the music buying market likes them. Since the beginning, The Blood Brothers, Jordan Blilie and Johnny Whitney, set out to make music many wish they could; and apparently, the same people who wish they could, listen.

Their latest album debuted this October with the intention of making music they like. *Young Machetes* sounds like a 15 car pileup in Times Square with its off tempo melodies and lack of direction that seemingly blend well with the hauntingly low key and high-pitched singing of Blilie and Whitney.

The album opens with a very hot track, "Set Fire to the Face on Fire," which is pouring with energy from the first scream, proving these Brothers are back with more than just a thirst for blood. "Vital Beach" is 16 minutes long and stuffed with catchy dance drums, thick bass, shredded guitars, and the catchiest chorus: "Vital beach, vital beach vital beach yeah!" It's repeated over and over until the listener's throat is dry from singing along.

The band switches it up and actually tones down with the gorillaz-esque "Spit Shine your Black Clouds." It's one of the more upbeat songs on the album coupled with "Laser Life," which starts with a poppy keyboard riff and continues with crazy wild, such as: "Shake your hands like they're full of feathers/ Shake your wings like they're laced with sound/ Shake your skin like a scrambled TV/ Gnash your teeth like a flamingo swarm/ I think my night unplugged its life."



"Camouflage, Camouflage" has a catchy drum pattern with two interchanging synthesizer riffs throughout the first half of the frantic song, but in the second half, all of the chaos stops and the listener is left with a beautifully mournful piano and Whitley softly singing "and she says give me one good reason not to empty the heart of all it's zeros and ones/not to smash that telecaster before it births a thousand useless slums/love bit you in the throat while you were staring at the sea/all the girls in Montreal are smashing skateboards in the street."

One of their surprisingly political pieces, properly named "Huge Gold Ak-47," has as definite opinion and paints pictures about the war at hand. It paints chilling imagery with lyrics like "we march like insects built of wood and wires blowing out cities like birthday candles."

One of the best tracks on the CD, "Giant Swan," definitely showcases the diversity of the Blood Brothers with a sad song using soft jazzy drums and haunting guitar riffs and piano chords, giving the song a smoke-filled grungy jazz club atmosphere.

Throughout the album no instrument is seemingly spared, from the stereotypical band instruments, like guitar, bass, drums, and keyboard, to the unheard of e-bow, Wurlitzer, and fartisa. Though the constant changing of instruments is refreshing, all in all it's the dueling vocals of Blilie and Whitney that compliment each other and their image so well that ties another Blood Brothers' album together.

Young Machetes is a good album for those who like screaming, high-pitched vocals, and disorganized, chaotic music. It stays true to the genre the Blood Brothers have carved for themselves. They sound nothing like the rest of the music industry, but they always sound like themselves. This album is another masterpiece in their closet that most will never know about.

Winter Formal Fashion

What to wear to the royal affair

BY NIKII BROWN
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Clockwise: There were many examples of style at the 2005 Winter Formal. LeAndra Wilder, Dominic Laing, Alicia Smith, and former SGU president Joe Stubbs show a classic style in 2005; Jelani McPhee and Nelva Bruneau express themselves in pinstripe and textured fabric; Melissa Bartowsky poses with Edwin Colon. Her dress is the perfect example of the classic "little black dress," while Edwin's flashy red shirt and tie lets him stand out in the crowd; round toe pumps are a hit this year and are available at Payless shoes, and a dress from forever21.com might be the perfect choice for someone looking for style on a budget;

Winter formal is right around the corner, so what does that mean for Saint Leo students? New dresses, shirts, and ties!

Winter formal is another excuse for fashionistas to come out and show their individual style. Many places exist in the area for Saint Leo students to try their fit.

Brandon Mall, University Mall, and International Mall are the top three sites for formal fashions. They each house different stores, but most can be found at all sites. There are stores for every type of style and every price range.

The top stores to visit are Forever 21, Body Shop, Papaya, Betsy Johnson, Cache, Dillard's, and Jessica McClintock. Forever 21, The Body Shop, and Papaya have lower prices, but the same great quality. The Body Shop has great discounts and sales; they also have an amazing rack of coordinating jewelry.

Betsy Johnson, Cache, Dillard's, and Jessica McClintock are a bit deeper in the pocket, but their styles are amazing. Betsy Johnson has a lot of '50s inspired looks, such as dresses with polka dots or stripes to flowered tea dresses. Dillard's has more dresses that are prom attire, but they do have some great casual dresses. Shoppers can find dresses from floor length to thigh length in Dillard's ,and though prices can range from the low one hundreds, there are amazing sales racks where discounts range from 25 to 75 percent off.

Soon to open at Brandon is Windsor, which is the perfect place to shop for dresses. They have every size, style, color, and length. Until the doors are open, try www. Ewindsor.com.

All three malls open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Brandon opens Sunday from 11 a.m.- 6 p.m., while International and University are open 12-6 p.m. Shopping for winter formal can be a lot of fun, but if shoppers don't have time or means to get to the malls, there are also great dress sites online at www.Gojane.com, www.delias.com, www.Alloy.com, and www.edressme.com.

Gojane.com has amazing prices and quality. It is a more discrete site, but it is sure to meet all shoppers' pleasures. Delias.com and Alloy.com are the more popular sites of the four. They have great sales before the winter and summer seasons, right in time for formals. Delia's will soon be available at the malls close by. Edressme.com is another hidden surprise. There are amazing dresses, and prices range both low and high. Shoppers can find categories such as tango dresses, little black dresses, celebrity dresses, and many others.

Dresses are the big part of formal fashion, but shoes and accessories are also important. Shoes to go with the outfits can be found in the same store as the dresses, or shoppers can go to shoe stores such as Traffic shoes. University Mall has recently gained quite a few shoe stores, and the prices are not that bad. For low key jewelry, there's always Claire's. Shoppers can find every color and style they seek, along with matching hair accessories.

Winter formal is December 2. What that really means is there is a month of shopping left. There are tons of sales going on now, and in the next few weeks, when the homecoming rush is through, there should be even more dress sales!

Timberlake and Aguilera bring sexy back

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In 2003 one of the largest tours was launched. Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera joined forces to create the Justified/Stripped tour. Three years later and they are about to head back out on tour with their new albums. Though their timeline is similar, they won't be meeting up this time around.

Timberlake launches his tour January 8 in San Diego, CA and runs to March 29 in New Jersey. This time, Timberlake is partnered by performer P!nk. His tickets are now on sale, and with a membership to the exclusive fan club, discounts may be available. For more information on the fan club and how to gain membership visit: www.justintimberlake.com.

Timberlake will visit Tampa at the Saint Pete Times Forum on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com, with prices ranging from about $54 to $81.95.

Aguilera goes on tour not too long after Timberlake. Her first date is set for February 20 in Houston, Texas; she wraps up the tour May 5 in Ft. Lauderdale. Joining Aguilera on her Back to Basics Tour are headliners Danity Kane and Pussycat Dolls.

This will be Danity Kane's first big tour and should prove to be a great show with so many musical performers.

Checkout www.christinaaguilera.com for more information on her fan club, exclusive club discounts, and presale tickets. Some tickets for the shows have already gone on sale. Aguilera heads to the St. Pete Times Forum on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for that show start selling on November 11 at noon. Prices for tickets range from $49.50 to $85.

These tours give promise to live up to their previous shows. At the end of the Justified/Stripped tour, Aguilera had to cancel dates due to illness. For fans who missed that show, it has been quite a while since the excitement of seeing her perform has filled the air.

Both Timberlake and Aguilera have had hit singles off their new albums. If their songs are any peek into what is in store for their tour, it is definitely time to look forward to tickets.

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"waited for a miracle." Ilibagiza says that wait caused anger that she felt physically inflicted her body.

Ilibagiza asked the pastor if he could put the radio outside the bathroom so they could hear of what was going on. On the radio, the Hutu words rattled through: "eliminate everybody."

It was then Ilibagiza made a personal covenant with God. She said, "God, if you exist, please help us and I will give my life to you." She prayed day through night, praising God through her grief. She says the wait was almost like purgatory; the only escape was prayer.

The house where Ilibagiza stayed was checked by the Hutu. They came as far as the door of the bathroom and turned back. Apparently, they trusted that the pastor wouldn't hide Tutsis in his home.

Ilibagiza stayed in the bathroom for three months. During her time there, she asked the pastor to give her a dictionary and English books to read. She finished two books and taught herself English. More amazingly, in that small bathroom, Illibagzia made the choice to forgive the Hutus.

When the Tutsis defeated the Hutu, Ilibagiza was able to leave the bathroom. She found that everyone she left behind was dead. Her brother, mother, father, cousins, and neighbors were all just faces of memory.

"The whole country was full of dead bodies," she said.

In town, Ilibagiza met a handicapped woman who said she knew her mother. The woman encouraged Ilibagiza to come home with her as way to repay her mother's kindness. Resistant at first, Ilibagiza decided to follow her as she lived close to the capital.

Jobs were scarce at the time. Ilibagiza decided the best place to look would be the United Nations. The first time she went to the UN she was told there were no jobs available. But, Ilibagiza said she was reminded of the Bible where Paul couldn't find any fish, and Jesus told him to go back. Just like Paul, Ilibagiza went back to the UN seven our eight times until she was met by a man who told her he would help her find a job.

The strange man just happened to be the UN's spokes person for central and east Africa. Ilibagzia joined with the UN and is now living in New York as a member of the UN Development Program. She has also set up a charity to fund the education of young Rwandans.

Ilibagiza marks what happened to her as a spiritual journey, establishing a relationship with God.

"I think that dying is not that bad, but living in distress is what bothers me," she said. "There is hope in every situation."

Not only has Ilibagiza published a book, but she is also scheduled to appear on *60 Minutes* with motivational speaker, Dr. Wayne Dyer.

Ilibagiza's story serves as a lesson in the power of forgiveness. She was able to take a very dark and hurtful time in her life and bring light to it. Sharing her story allows her to advocate for God, spreading his love with people all over the world.

Sports

Women's volleyball makes the NCAA tournament

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The Saint Leo volleyball team was heartbroken when they learned their bid for the NCAA tournament they were expecting was not going to come. The Lions were positive their record-breaking season had earned them a spot in the national tournament.

"We all waited up on Sunday night to get the call. When it didn't come, we were devastated. I cried about it all night," said freshman setter Michelle Nogueras.

The conference committee put in five teams from the dominating Sunshine State Conference: the University of Tampa, Florida Southern College, Barry University, Eckerd College, and Lynn University. All of these teams are good teams, but not all of them deserved to be in this tournament. Athletic Director Fran Reidy immediately went to work to see why Lynn University was selected over Saint Leo University. What he discovered was immensely important to Saint Leo.

There are several criteria that a team in contention for the tournament has to make. One of these criteria is being .500 for all Division II matches. This means a team cannot loose more matches against Division II teams then they won. Lynn University played and lost to a school that is in the process of becoming a Division II school, but the NCAA accidentally did not count them towards their record. Reidy took notice of this and informed the NCAA that when these matches were counted Lynn did not have a record of .500. This immediately disqualified them, and the Lion's volleyball team was accepted into the tournament. Saint Leo is by far the better team with a much stronger record and players.

"I am glad that the NCAA was willing to admit that an error had been made and corrected it," stated Reidy

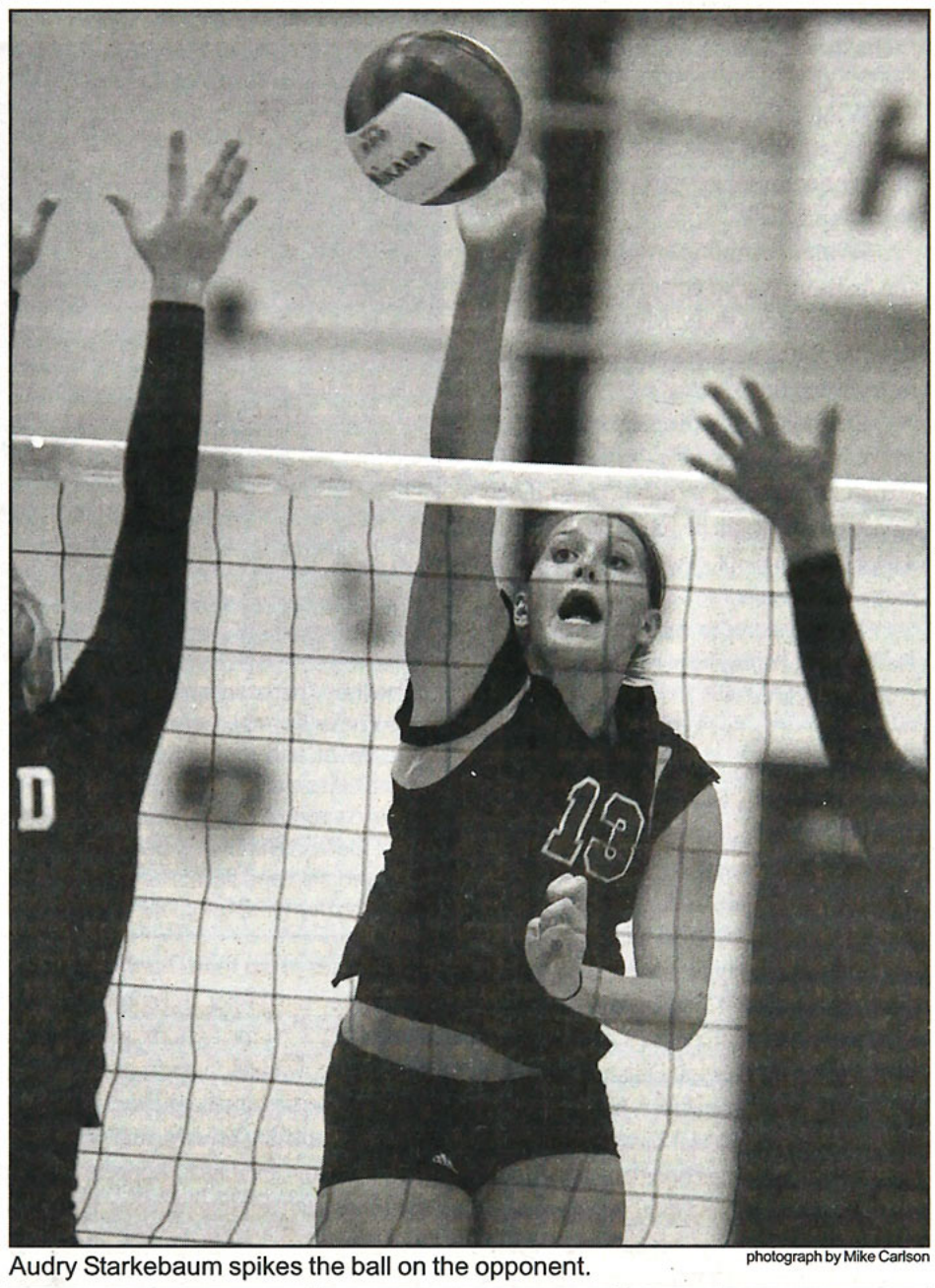
Saint Leo University's volleyball team has had an amazing season, setting several school records. They beat Barry University for the first time in school history. The team also has beaten the school record of most matches won, with 21. The Lion's volleyball team finished their regular season with a record of 21-10 overall and 8-8 in the SSC. This is their first year to ever appear in the NCAA tournament. There is a lot of young talent on this team.

"This is one more blessing in a season that had several. The kids fought hard to get here; they deserve it!" exclaimed Dan King, assistant coach.

This has been a monumental season for the volleyball team. They are only graduating three seniors, Alex Farmer, a right side blocker; Erin Oberlin, an outside hitter; and Nicole Groesbeck, a setter. This team will be strong for several years to come. Head coach, Sam Cibrone, is an excellent recruiter and is building a strong program that will be attending the NCAA tournament for several years to come; this is just the first year or many.

"I am just happy for the girls as they worked really hard all year and deserve this," Cibrone said.

Saint Leo University athletics has had a very strong year. All of the winter sports are about to get into full swing and are expected to have as much success as the fall sports. This extremely eventful and successful season will stick in the minds of Leo athletes for many years. It has been a monumental season filled with exceeding expectations.



Audry Starkebaum spikes the ball on the opponent. photograph by Mike Carlson

Alex Farmer

Erin Oberlin

Nicole Groesbeck

Green & Gold Golf Classic inaugural event

BY JOE GENTILE
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This weekend Saint Leo University has its first ever Green & Gold Golf Classic. It will be held at the Tampa Bay Golf Course on November 18, at 1p.m.

The event is being planned by Saint Leo students and coordinated by Vicki Fredrickson. The golf course management majors are working together to make sure the tournament goes off without a hitch. It is also giving them experience and guidance towards their major.

"The event is geared towards raising money and support for the athletic department," Fredrickson stated. "We want the parents to become a bigger part of our Athletics Department and for our attendance to go up at all of Saint Leo's sporting events."

Everyone who signs up to play or sponsors a player will get a free year membership to the Green & Gold Club. The club allows you to take part in athletic special events, like pre-game hospitalities and banquets. This will bring more people into the group and make them more aware of Saint Leo's athletics.

The event is $60 to sign up. That payment includes a cart, beverages, food, raffle ticket, and a goody bag. The goody bags are being donated by Cannon Memorial Library. They are filling the goodie bags with; granola bars, cup cozies, golf tees, and t-shirts. The Dade City local shops and restaurants are also adding gift certificates to the goody bags. Even though participants get a free raffle ticket with their entry fee, they can also buy extra raffle tickets. The raffle prizes are being donated by the coaching staff of Saint Leo and the alumni. They are gift baskets containing; coffee cups, cup cozies, golf balls, umbrellas, and Saint Leo clothing (shirts, hats, etc.)

Besides just the regular round of golf, they are offering many other competitions. People can golf against the athletic director on a par 3 hole and try to beat him. There is a driving contest to see who can hit the ball the farthest, and also a putting tournament.

There are many other events planned for Saturday, all with prizes their own prizes. The winners of the events will get prizes donated by the alumni.

"So far everything is going good. There haven't been any problems yet, and all the coaches have been very helpful. Our only problem is that most of the students will already be gone for Thanksgiving break," Fredrickson said.

If anyone would like to sign up and help out on the day of the tournament, can contact Vickie Fredrickson at (352) 588-7314 or email her at specialevents@saintleo.edu.

For everyone who won't be able to attend the Green & Gold Tournament, don't worry, there is another tournament held at the end of they year. It is the 6th Annual Spirit of Saint Leo Golf Tournament, and it will be held on April 16 at the Lake Jovita Golf Course.

Men's golf team claims first team title

The SLU men's golf team shot a program-best score of 884 (299-294-291) to win the first team title in program history at the 2006 Saint Leo Fall Invitational. The event was hosted by SLU on the Par-72, 7,177-yard North Course at Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club.

The Lions set a team record for lowest 18-hole score with a final round 291 to overcome a two-stroke deficit and win by 10 strokes over first round leader Johnson & Wales University (299-292-303=894).

Saint Leo also celebrated its first-ever individual victory, as freshman Mark McGuire made par on the first playoff hole to defeat J & W's Shawn Scoot. The pair had finished the 54-hole event tied with one-over-par 217's.

Brian Schmidt and Jacob Halligan also finished in the top-10 individually for Saint Leo, as they were in fifth and seventh-place, respectively. Schmidt carded a three-round total of 219 (74-73-72), while Halligan shot 224 (78-74-72).